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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED1. FOLLOWING A THREE-DAY POLITICAL  
BUREAU MEETING CHAIRED BY MOBUTU ABOARD PRESI-  
DENTIAL YACHT, SPOKESMAN NGUZA DEC 30 ANNOUNCED NUMEROUS  
FAR-REACHING DECISIONS. MOST SIGNIFICANT CONCERNED STATE  
TAKEOVER OF LARGE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISES  
(EXCEPT THOSE COVERED BY INVESTMENT CODE), RETURN BY  
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POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBERS AND "MPR CADRES" OF PROPERTIES

RECEIVED UNDER ZAIRIANIZATION, A STRONG EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURE, INCLUDING INVOLVEMENT OF THE MILITARY IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND CHANGES IN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:

2. BEGINNING JAN 1, 1975 THE STATE WILL TAKE OVER ALL LARGE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISES, ALL LARGE CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL FIRMS, AND LARGE TRANSPORT CONCERNS. FOREIGN INVESTMENTS MADE UNDER THE (1969) INVESTMENT CODE, AND "IN KEEPING WITH PROMISE" BY MOBUTU, WILL NOT RPT NOT BE AFFECTED. FOREIGN BANKS, HOWEVER, MAY NO LONGER OPEN BRANCHES OUTSIDE KINSHASA. SMALL BUSINESSES, SMALL FARMS AND INDUSTRIES NOT AFFECTED, AND PRIVATE PROPERTY WILL BE RESPECTED.
  3. POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBERS AND ALL "MPR CADRES" MUST RETURN TO THE STATE ALL PROPERTIES ACQUIRED THROUGH ZAIRIANIZATION, CAN ONLY DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO AGRICULTURE. POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBERS MUST ALSO GIVE UP ALL PROPERTIES THEY OWNED BEFORE ZAIRIANIZATION.
  4. HEAVY INDUSTRY TO BE PROMOTED, AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT WELCOMED; IMPORT CONTROLS TO BE REINFORCED.
  5. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION TO BE INCREASED THROUGH VARIOUS MEASURES INCLUDING CREATION OF AGRICULTURAL COOPS, IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE, PRICE STABILIZATION FUND, AND EASIER AGRICULTURAL CREDIT TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT.
  6. ARMY IS TO REORIENT ITSELF TO FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:  
(1) AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM, (2) POLITICAL EDUCATION,  
(3) MILITARY INSTRUCTION.
  7. DECISIONS INVOLVING EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS INCLUDED ABOLISHING THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS AT UNIVERSITY AND CHURCH EDUCATIONAL BUREAUS, PLACING YOUTH AFFAIRS UNDER DIRECT CONTROL OF MOBUTU, ABOLISH DEPT. OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND NAMING MRS. RPT MRS MOBUTU HEAD OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN ZAIRE. AT END OF SECONDARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
  
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- SCHOOL, ALL STUDENTS WILL DEVOTE A YEAR TO NATIONAL SERVICE.
8. MOBUTU WILL MAKE MAJOR POLICY SPEECHES AT CLOSURE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL JAN 4 AND AT STADIUM RALLY LATER SAME DAY. END UNCLASSIFIED.  
BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: PROBLEM WITH ALL SUCH GENERAL DECISIONS WILL BE HOW TO TRANSLATE THEM INTO

PRACTICE GIVEN THIN AND INEFFICIENT GOVERNMENT INFRA-  
STRUCTURE. DECEMBER 30 MEASURES WILL PROBABLY HAVE  
ONLY LIMITED EFFECT ON US INTERESTS SINCE MOST COME  
UNDER INVESTMENT CODE EXEMPTION. (POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS ARE  
KALICAK CONSTRUCTION AND SINGER). MEASURES TO FURTHER  
DE-EMPHASIZE RELIGION WILL PROBABLY AGGRAVATE CHURCH-STATE  
RELATIONS, AND ABOLITION OF CHURCH EDUCATIONAL OFFICES  
COULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON PLACEMENT OF PEACE CORPS  
VOLUNTEER TEACHERS. AGRICULTURAL DECISIONS, WHILE  
HIGHLY DESIRABLE, WILL BE ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT.  
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